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Application No.: 09/836,704

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Examiner: Christine L. Maupin

For: MOBILITY-MODIFIED  
NUCLEOBASE POLYMERS AND  
METHODS OF USING SAME

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**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 121 AND  
SPECIES ELECTION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.146**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed July 26, 2002, (the "Office Action") in which a restriction requirement and a species election were imposed, please consider the following remarks and enter them into the file of the above-captioned application.

**REMARKS**

A restriction requirement has been imposed under 35 U.S.C. § 121, requiring election of one of the following two groups for prosecution on the merits, each of which is alleged to encompass a separate invention:

- I. Claims 1-28 and 53-60, drawn to mobility-modified nucleobase polymers, classified in class 536, subclass 24.2, for example; and
- II. Claims 29-52, which are drawn to methods of detection with mobility-modified nucleobase polymers, classified in class 435, subclass 94, for example.